MR. N. SONNAPPA, CHIKBALLAPUR TALUK.—

Q.—13. Will the Government be pleased to investigate the following matter:—

In cases where the death of a person occurs by suicide, drowning or such other ordinary circumstances, the police officers, who hold inquests, declare that the *post mortem* examination on the dead body is necessary. It is understood that the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore has issued a departmental circular authorising the police officers to invariably order such examination. Are Government aware that this procedure has been causing a good deal of trouble and inconvenience to the poor, innocent relatives of the deceased? If so, will Government kindly issue necessary instructions for withdrawal of such circular?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS.

A.—The circular in question merely draws the attention of the police to the provisions of Section 174, Criminal Procedure Code and enjoins on them the necessity for a thorough and sifting enquiry into the cause of death. It is only in the absence of clear and reliable evidence, direct or circumstantial, proving death to have been accidental, that the body is subjected to *post mortem* examination. Under the circumstances, there is no necessity to withdraw the circular.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. N. Sonnappa.

Is it possible to withdraw the circular in question?

Second Member.

The reply is clear. The circular follows the law and there is nothing new in it.

MESSRS. D. S. MALLAPPA AND SINGRI NANJAPPA, TIPTUR TALUK.—

Q.—14. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Why Tiptur taluk was not included in the distress area, though there was no crop in the taluk and famine conditions prevail in it?

(*b*) The number of villages in the taluks of the Kolar and Tumkur districts declared to be affected by the present distress?

(*c*) What was the relief granted to the people of such villages?

(*d*) What was the total amount of the relief so granted?

(*e*) What were the total number of applications for takavi loans received from the two districts, and the total amount involved therefrom?

(*f*) What is the total amount of loans sanctioned up-to-date?

(*g*) What is the total amount spent by Government on account of distress operations since July 1923?

(*h*) Out of the above, what is the amount that was actually expended on account of the distressed people, and the amount paid towards travelling allowance, and other arrangements?

(*i*) Would the expenditure spent on relief operations in these districts be charged under the Distress head and if so, the particulars of works and the cost incurred on them may kindly be furnished.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(*a*) Eighty-two villages in this taluk have been included in the list of affected villages. In the closing months of 1923, conditions in this taluk were not so very bad as those of other taluks further east. The mainstay of the taluk is its cocoanut gardens and the failure of dry crops does not immediately lead to such consequences as it does in other areas. As conditions grew worse the villages which showed signs of distress were included in the affected area.

(*b*) Kolar .. .. .. 845 villages
Tumkur .. .. .. 1,201 ,,

(*c*) The several measures of relief granted are—

(i) Grant of *takavi*, land improvement and subsistence loans, and loans for the purchase of fodder and sinking of irrigation wells.

(ii) Grant of gratuitous relief to indigent persons.

(iii) Starting of tank maintenance, tank restoration and village improvement works and also road works to provide labour to the cooly classes.

(iv) Sinking of temporary wells.
(v) Throwing open State Forests and date groves for free grazing.
(vi) Opening of fodder depots and sale of *mulnad* hay and paddy straw at concession rates.
(vii) Remission of half wet assessment.
(viii) Demonstrating the use of prickly pear as fodder.
(ix) Throwing open tank beds for growing fodder crops.
(x) Relief to weavers.

(*d*) Kolar	Rs. 1,34,156-12-6	(end of April 1924)	Exclusive of the expenditure on fodder operations of which the exact information is not available at present.
Tumkur	„ 1,78,339-7-3	(„)	
Total ..	3,12,496-3-9		

	No. of applications	Total amount involved.
(*e*) Kolar	4,116	Rs. 4,41,936
Tumkur	5,375	„ 5,32,685
Total ..	9,491	9,74,621

(*f*) Kolar	Rs. 99,614-4-0	(up to the end of April 1924)
Tumkur	„ 2,22,000-0-0	
Total ..	..	

(*g*) The amount sanctioned by Government for relief measures in the affected parts of the State is in all Rs. 8,42,551 up to 1st May 1924. The total amount spent cannot be ascertained until the operations are over and accounts are closed after being audited.

(*h*) The amount spent towards the travelling allowance of the officers is debited to the head to which their pay is debited and consequently such expenditure has not been included in the above sum.

(*i*) The amonnt now sanctioned includes both normal and special grants. Expenditure incurred against the usual budget grants will be merged in the respective heads and that incurred against special grants will be debited to the distress head.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.

With reference to the answer of Government to (*g*), will the Government be pleased to give at least the approximate amount spent on account of relief measures in the affected parts of the State, or the percentage of such expenditure to the sanctioned amount?

Dewan.

It is not possible to say how much has actually been spent as final accounts have not yet been received from the Treasury. But it may be stated that at least 75 per cent has actually been spent.

MR. SINGRI NANJAPPA, TIPTUR TALUK.—

Q.—15. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

Whether it would be possible to lead the channels flowing in Channarayapatna and other taluks to the Tiptur Taluk as water facilities are keenly felt in that taluk.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—The only channel that lies near Tiptur Taluk which could be thought of for being led into Tiptur Taluk is the Sriramadevar North Channel in Channarayapatna Taluk. It is impracticable to lead this channel to Tiptur Taluk as there is an intervening high ridge between the Sriramadevar Channel and Tiptur Taluk, the difference in level between the channel bed and the ridge being 300 to 500 feet.

MR. D. S. MALLAPPA, TIPTUR TALUK.—

Q.—16. (*a*) Is the Government aware that many Polling Officers identified themselves with the cause of some candidates during the recent elections?

(*b*) If so, what steps were taken by Government to ascertain the truth and what was the punishment awarded to such officers?

(*c*) Is the Government prepared to consider the suggestions that may be made by the representatives of

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